

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS OF KWEILIN RE ATROCITIES

To the War Crimes Investigation Commission
of the National Military Council & the Executive Yuan.

Gentlemen:

During the period of Japanese occupation of Kweilin which lasted about a year, they freely indulged in all kinds of atrocities such as rape and plunder etc. Captain CHONAWO, a native of Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, was the head of a certain Rehabilitation Section. He was a very cruel and treacherous man and he controlled all newspapers and cultural organizations in Kweilin working for the purpose of enslaving the people through his publications and propagandistic efforts. He sent puppet officials to propagate the establishment of factories and recruit woman labor. When the women came, he sent them to the suburbs outside Li Shi Gate and forced them into prostitution for the Japanese troops. CHONAWO's secretary was a Japanese woman named SAZUKI who assisted in the perpetration and aggravation of his atrocities.

Moreover, a Japanese Military Police unit was established at Li Tse Yuan with ITOH as chief. War prisoners from all places were sent to this unit for forced labor; they were compelled to grind rice, carry mud, etc. Those who committed any slight mistake were killed. Prisoners thus killed amounted to more than one hundred in number including two Allied soldiers whose names could not be remembered now. The Japanese exposed the bodies on the Wang Cheng (Imperial Wall) or threw them in the Lee River, a very tragic scene.

The foregoing facts were eye-witnessed by us. Now that we are liberated, we could not refrain from reporting. In learning the arrival of your Commission at Kweilin to investigate enemy and puppet atrocities and their evidence, we hereby submit them to your

attention.

Yours respectfully,

Citizens of Kweilin:

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